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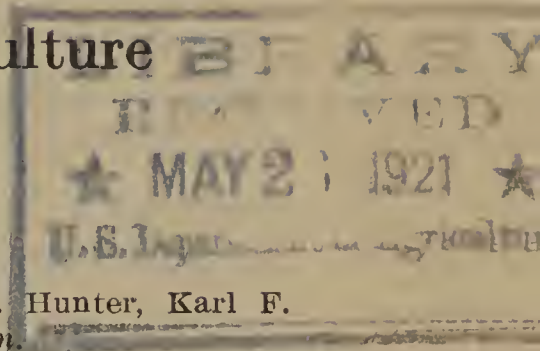


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## REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF POTATOES INTO THE UNITED STATES

Under the Provisions of the Order of the Secretary of Agriculture Issued  
December 22, 1913.

(Revised February 16, 1921; effective March 1, 1921.)

### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD,  
*Washington, D. C., February 10, 1921.*

Hon. E. T. MEREDITH,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

SIR: The Federal Horticultural Board respectfully submits the following revised regulations governing the importation of potatoes into the United States under the provisions of the order of the Secretary of Agriculture issued December 22, 1913. This revision supersedes the regulations as revised December 8, 1915. Three slight changes are made in this revision, namely: (1) The elimination of the provision in Regulation 3 allowing potatoes to enter the United States for immediate transportation in bond to foreign countries without permit. (2) The elimination of the provision for the importation of potatoes from the Island of Santo Domingo. No importations of potatoes have been made from Santo Domingo, and furthermore there has been no compliance on the part of the Santo Domingan authorities with the requirements of the regulations under which entry may be permitted. (3) The addition of a new regulation (Regulation 7) to incorporate the provisions of the three amendments which have been issued subsequent to the revision of December 8, 1915. These amendments are:

No. 1, making special provision for the importation of potatoes from the Territory of Porto Rico and from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, and the Island of Santo Domingo, issued December 8, 1915.

No. 2, amending the regulations so as to permit free of any restrictions whatsoever under the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912, the importation of potatoes from any foreign country into Hawaii for local use only, and from the Dominion of Canada and Bermuda into the United States or any of its Territories or districts, issued June 4, 1917.

No. 3, revising amendment No. 1 by providing additional ports for the entry of potatoes from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, issued September 2, 1920.

C. L. MARLATT,  
*Chairman, Federal Horticultural Board.*

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**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF POTATOES  
INTO THE UNITED STATES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ISSUED DECEMBER 22, 1913.**

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**Regulation 1. Definition.**

For the purpose of these regulations the term "potato" shall be understood as meaning the common or Irish potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) and its horticultural varieties.

**Regulation 2. General Conditions Governing Potato Importations.**

Potatoes will be admitted from any country or well-defined district thereof, such as a Province or a State or a larger subdivision of such country, not specifically mentioned in Notice of Quarantine No. 3, issued September 20, 1912, or in any quarantine which may hereafter be in force, when it is determined by adequate field inspection conducted by recognized experts of the country concerned that such country or district thereof is free from potato wart and other injurious potato diseases and insect pests, and such country must further agree to examine and certify all potatoes offered for export in compliance with these regulations: *Provided*, That in the case of foreign countries contiguous to the United States the examination and certification of potatoes offered for export will be waived when such country shall agree to offer for export to the United States only potatoes free from injurious diseases and insect pests: *Provided further*, That the entry of potatoes will not be permitted from any country unless such country either has an effective quarantine prohibiting the entry into such country or district thereof of potatoes from any country or district under quarantine by the United States,



or forbids by law the exportation to the United States of all potatoes not grown within the country, or district or locality thereof, from which the potatoes are exported.

Entry of potatoes will not be allowed unless the invoice is accompanied by an original certificate and unless each container bears a copy certificate in accordance with Regulation 5.

Potatoes will be admitted into the United States only through the port designated in the permit.

The entry of potatoes will not be permitted except where the shipments pass directly from the country of origin to the port of entry in the United States: *Provided*, That when transshipment is necessary at a port of a country under quarantine such transshipment shall be made by lighters from boat to boat in the harbor without landing the potatoes, and the consular invoice of place of origin must follow the shipment from original port of departure to the port of entry in the United States.

No shipment of potatoes will be permitted entry until it has been examined by an inspector of the Department of Agriculture and found or believed to be free from the potato wart and other injurious potato diseases and insect pests.

Shipments of potatoes certified as provided herein found to be infested with potato wart or other injurious potato diseases, or with insect pests, will be refused entry.

All charges for storage, cartage, and labor incident to inspection, other than the services of inspectors, shall be paid by the importer.

Except in case of bulk shipments, potatoes shall be contained only in bags, boxes, barrels, or other containers that have not previously been used for potatoes.

### **Regulation 3. Applications for Permits for Importation of Potatoes.**

Persons contemplating the importation of potatoes shall first make application to the Federal Horticultural Board, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for a permit, stating in the application the name and address of the exporter, the country and locality where grown, the port of departure (or port of consular invoice), the proposed port of entry, and the name and address of the importer in the United States to whom the permit should be sent.

Applications for permits must be made in advance of the shipment of the potatoes.

Applications may be made by telegraph, in which case the information required above must be given.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT POTATOES.

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*To the Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C.*

SIRS: A permit is requested for the importation of potatoes, as described below, during the period -----, 19 , to June 30, 19 :

Quantity.	Probable date of shipment.
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Name and address of exporter-----  
Country where grown-----  
Locality where grown-----  
Port of departure-----  
Port of entry-----  
Name and address of person (either applicant or his agent or broker) to whom permit should be mailed-----

Very respectfully.

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(Name of applicant.)  
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(Address.)

Regulation 4. Permits for Entry of Potatoes.

On approval by the Secretary of Agriculture of an application for the importation of potatoes a permit will be issued in quadruplicate. One copy of the permit will be furnished to the applicant, to be retained by him for presentation on the arrival of the imported potatoes to the customs officer at the port of entry named in the permit, one copy will be mailed to the collector at the port of entry, one to the inspector of the Department of Agriculture, and the fourth filed with the application. The beginning of the period for which a permit will be valid will be expressed in the permit. All permits will expire on the 30th day of June next after they become valid.

Permits for the entry of potatoes may be refused and existing permits may be canceled on proof that the certificate of inspection does not correctly give the locality where the potatoes were grown, character of the shipment as to freedom from disease or insect infestation, or that the containers have been previously used for the shipment of potatoes.



Permits for the entry of potatoes will be addressed to the collector of customs at the port of entry in the following form:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PERMIT TO IMPORT POTATOES.

Valid-----, 19     , to June 30, 19     .  
-----, 19     .

To the Collector of Customs, -----

You are hereby authorized, so far as the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture is concerned, to permit the entry, under the plant quarantine act, approved August 20, 1912, of the potatoes described herein upon receipt of notice in writing from an inspector of the Department of Agriculture that such potatoes have been inspected by him or under his direction and found or believed to be free from injurious potato diseases and insect pests, provided the invoice of each shipment is accompanied by an original certificate issued by a duly authorized official of the country from which the shipment is made and each container bears a copy of this certificate, in conformity with Regulation 5.

Quantity.	Probable date of shipment.
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Name and address of exporter-----

Country and locality where grown-----

Name and address of importer-----

Respectfully,

E. T. MEREDITH,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

Countersigned:

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*Chairman of Board.*

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*Permit Clerk.*

**Regulation 5. Foreign Certificate of Inspection.**

Each certificate shall give the number of the permit; the date of inspection; name and address of the exporter; the district or locality and the country where grown; name and address of consignee; a statement that the potatoes were grown in a district free from infection with potato wart and have been certified by a duly authorized official to be free from potato wart and other injurious

potato diseases and insect pests, and that they are contained in bags, boxes, barrels, or other containers that have not previously been used for potatoes, except as to bulk shipments. The original certificate shall be signed and sealed by a responsible inspection official for the country of origin. The copy certificate may be entirely printed, including the seal. The form of such certificate shall be as follows:

*To whom it may concern:*

This is to certify that the potatoes included in this shipment as per invoice attached, shipped under permit No. \_\_\_\_\_, consigned to \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and address of consignee.)

shipped by \_\_\_\_\_, were grown in \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and address of exporter.)

\_\_\_\_\_, a district free from infection with  
(District or locality and country.)

potato wart, are contained in bags, boxes, barrels, or other containers, except as to bulk shipments, not previously used for potatoes, and were certified by

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to be free from potato

(Name of inspector.)

(Date and year.)

wart and other injurious potato diseases and insect pests.

[SEAL.]

(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of official inspector.)

Permits may be canceled and further permits refused for the importation of potatoes from any country whenever such potatoes, in the judgment of the Federal Horticultural Board, are found to be so infested as plainly to indicate that the foreign inspection is merely perfunctory.

Lists of officials in foreign countries authorized to inspect potatoes, giving their names and official designations, will be furnished to collectors of customs through the Secretary of the Treasury.

#### **Regulation 6. Notice of Arrival of Potatoes by Permittee.**

Immediately upon arrival and before unloading from the vessel or other carrier the permittee shall notify the Secretary of Agriculture, on forms provided for that purpose, stating the number of permit, the quantity of potatoes included in the shipment, the country and locality where grown, the name and address of exporter or shipper, the port of departure, the date of arrival, and the name of the ship or vessel if transported by water, and the designation of the dock where the potatoes are to be landed, and, if by rail, the name of the railroad company, the car numbers, and the terminal where the potatoes are to be unloaded. If the destination of the car is changed en route the permittee shall immediately notify the Secretary of Agriculture of the final destination.

At the same time a copy of the notice to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be sent by the permittee to the duly authorized inspector of the department at the port of entry designated in the permit.



Permits may be canceled and other permits refused if the permittee fails to give either of said notices or gives a false notice.

Lists of such inspectors and officers may be ascertained from the collector of customs or the Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C.

**Regulation 7. Special Provision for the Importation of Potatoes from Foreign Countries into Hawaii and Porto Rico, and from the Dominion of Canada and Bermuda, and the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, into the United States.**

Potatoes from any foreign country may be imported into the Territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico for local use only, free of any restrictions whatsoever, until otherwise ordered, under the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912.

Potatoes may be imported from the Dominion of Canada and Bermuda into the United States or any of its Territories or districts, free of any restrictions whatsoever until otherwise ordered, under the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912.

Potatoes may be imported from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, into the United States, subject only to the following conditions and restrictions, which must be strictly observed and complied with:

(a) Persons contemplating the importation of potatoes from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, shall first make application for a permit, in the manner and form as prescribed in Regulation 3, and upon approval by the Secretary of Agriculture of such application a permit will be issued.

(b) Importations from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, will be permitted entry only through the ports of El Paso, Tex., and Douglas, Naco, and Nogales, Ariz., respectively.

(c) The requirements contained in Regulation 6 in regard to the sending of notice of arrival of shipment shall be complied with by the permittee.

(d) No shipment of potatoes from the States of Chihuahua and Sonora, Mexico, will be permitted entry until it has been examined by an inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture and found, or believed to be, free from dangerous potato diseases and insect pests.

The above regulations are hereby adopted and shall be effective on and after March 1, 1921, and shall supersede the regulations governing the importation of potatoes into the United States, which were promulgated to take effect on and after January 1, 1916.

E. T. MEREDITH,

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

FEBRUARY 16, 1921.

FEDERAL HORTICULTURAL BOARD.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM FOR IMPORTER OR BROKER'S REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

In compliance with section 2 of the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912, and Regulation 6 of the regulations governing the importation of potatoes into the United States, the information provided for in this blank must be given by the permittee or his representative to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., immediately upon arrival of the potatoes and before such potatoes are unloaded from the vessel or other carrier.

At the same time a copy of the notice to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be sent by the permittee to the duly authorized inspector of the department at the port of entry designated in the permit.

E. T. MEREDITH,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

*The Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C.:*

The following potatoes, imported under Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_, shipped from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Port of departure.)

consigned to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of importer or broker at port of entry.)

\_\_\_\_\_ arrived \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Port of entry.)

on \_\_\_\_\_ dock \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of vessel and steamship line.)

or \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of railroad company.)      (Car number.)      (Location of terminal.)

Country and locality where grown \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign shipper \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and address.)

Quantity.	Nature of containers (sacks, boxes, etc.).
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(Name of importer or broker at port of entry.)

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(Address.)